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It has been shown how much damage a monopoly can do when they spread into other adjacent markets. Many companies were forced out of business because of a direct result of how Microsoft chooses to do business.

There are other reasons too. Microsoft goes into an open market, using its monopoly to gain a very large share, and closes the doors. Many of Microsoft's products are a direct result of this. IE, Office (Word, Excel, Access, etc), Outlook, NT (NT/2000/xp) and many many more are only around because of such leverage that they can force onto computer manufacturers, business, and home users.

Microsoft, in the world of computers, is the only one, who does not play well with others. They have gotten a monopoly on the desktop market, they are forcing into server, console, web, ISP, and many other markets. Even when the government tells them not to ship a product by a court of law, they still do.

Many of their TOS or software agreements are pushing the line of being illegal. They are pushing things onto everyone that no body wants. Things that purely exploit citizens.

The current regulations that are proposed are far too little and far too late. This should have been done in '96, and completed before '98 came out. Back when there was still choice of a desktop OS that played nice with each other.

At the very least, MS should open all API and protocols needed when talking to windows from a network. They also need to open all Windows API's so other competing developers on windows can compete. They also must make the default settings use the least common denominator for compatibility.

Thank you for your time,
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